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The Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald
United States District Court Judge
United States District Court for the
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Santos and Santos v. City of New York, et al.; 17 Civ. 1732 (NRB) (RLE)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

I am counsel for Plaintiff in the above-captioned action, and write - jointly with opposing counsel, Evan Brustein, Esq. - to respectfully request that Your Honor issue an order of reference to a Magistrate Judge¹ for a settlement conference in this action. The parties have been engaged in settlement negotiations, and feel at this juncture that a Magistrate Judge could be of significant assistance to the parties.

The parties also jointly respectfully request that the current briefing schedule (docket # 24) for the Defendants' anticipated motion to dismiss be held in abeyance until after the parties exhaust settlement efforts with the Magistrate Judge, to avoid a potentially unnecessary expenditure of time, and so that their efforts can be spent on attempting to reach a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter. There are no other deadlines currently in effect in this case.

We thank the Court for its consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

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¹ Magistrate Judge Ellis was originally assigned to this case.